[FIG. 1]

<u>1</u>

```
┌──────────────┐  ┌──────────────┐  ┌──────────────┐
│  ARITHMETIC  │  │   PROGRAM    │  │     DATA     │
│  PROCESSING  │  │    MEMORY    │  │    MEMORY    │
│     UNIT     │  │              │  │              │
└──────────────┘  └──────────────┘  └──────────────┘
       2                3                 4
```

BUS

```
┌──────────┐  ┌──────────┐  ┌──────────────┐  ┌──────────────┐
│ DISPLAY  │◄─│  FRAME   │  │  OPERATION   │  │   EXTERNAL   │
│   UNIT   │  │  MEMORY  │  │  INPUT UNIT  │  │   STORAGE    │
│          │  │          │  │              │  │     UNIT     │
└──────────┘  └──────────┘  └──────────────┘  └──────────────┘
     9            5               6                 7
```

8

[FIG. 2]

FRAME 1   FRAME 2   FRAME 3   FRAME 4   FRAME 5   FRAME 6   FRAME 7

TIME

[FIG. 3]

S101

USER GIVES REFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE
POINTS WITH RESPECT TO RESPECTIVE CURVES
AT THE TIME OF START AND AT THE TIME OF
END

S102

CARRYING OUT OF PURSUIT PROCESSING OF
PICTURE IMAGE WITH RESPECT TO REFERENCE
CORRESPONDENCE POINTS IN EACH FRAME

S103

CARRYING OUT OF LINEAR INTERPOLATION OF SHAPE
BY USING INFORMATION OF RESPECTIVE CURVES AND
REFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE POINTS AT THE TIME
OF START AND AT THE TIME OF END

S104

INTERPOLATED SHAPE DETERMINED AT STEP S103 IS
PROCESSED TO DEFORM IN SHAPE IN WHICH
TRACKING POINTS DETERMINED AT STEP S102 ARE
THE START POINT AND THE END POINT

[FIG. 4]

PURSUIT SOURCE FRAME

REFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE
POINT 10

PURSUIT SOURCE IMAGE 20

SEARCH RANGE 30

FRAME WHICH IS PURSUING
AT PRESENT

PURSUIT DESTINATION IMAGE 40

ENLARGEMENT OF SEARCH RANGE

PURSUIT DESTINATION
IMAGE

PUSUIT SOURCE
IMAGE

[FIG. 5]

CORRESPONDENCE POINT

CURVE A

CURVE B

THE NUMBER OF SEGMENT: 5

THE NUMBER OF SEGMENT: 3

[FIG. 6]

CURVE A

GENERATED INTERMEDIATE
CURVE

CURVE B

[FIG. 7]

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                        ●                    ●

┌─────────────────────────────────────┐  S1
│ STARTING AT REFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE │
│ POINTS, RESPECTIVE LENGTHS OF ALL    │
│ ROUNDS WITH RESPECT TO SHAPES OF     │
│ CURVES A, B, (length A, length B)    │
│ ARE DETERMINED                       │
└─────────────────────────────────────┘
                 │
                 ▼
┌─────────────────────────────────────┐  S2
│   DETERMINATION OF SAMPLING INTERVAL │
└─────────────────────────────────────┘
                 │
                 ▼
┌─────────────────────────────────────┐  S3
│   EXECUTION OF RESAMPLING PROCESSING │
└─────────────────────────────────────┘
                 │
                 ▼
┌─────────────────────────────────────┐  S4
│   PREPARATION OF INTERMEDIATE SHAPE  │
└─────────────────────────────────────┘
```

[FIG. 8]

CORRESPONDENCE POINT 0

CURVE A   CURVE B

CORRESPONDENCE POINT 1

MAXIMUM SAMPLING
INTERVAL

A

length A

B

length B

[FIG. 9]

S11

COMPARE MAGNITUDES OF length A, AND length B, DIVIDE ONE LONGER IN LENGTH BY CONSTANT OF SAMPLING INTERVAL, AND DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF POINTS WITHIN SECTION

S12

DIVIDE SMALLER ONE OF MAGNITUDES OF length A, AND length B, BY THE NUMBER OF POINTS DETERMINED AT STEP S11, AND OBTAIN SAMPLING INTERVAL

[FIG. 10]

CORRESPONDENCE POINT 0

CURVE A

CURVE B

[FIG. 11]

START PROCESSING FROM CORRESPONDENCE POINTS. DETERMINATION OF TIMES Ta AND Tb AT CORRESPONDENCE POINTS

WITH RESPECT TO CURVE A AND B, DETERMINATION OF POSITIONS OF POINTS ON CURVE AT TIMES Ta AND Tb TO ALLOW THEM TO BE POINTS A, B *S22*

ADDITION OF RESPECTIVE SAMPLING INTERVALS TO Ta, Tb *S23*

RETURN TO CORRESPONDENCE POINTS? *S24* NO

YES

END

[FIG. 12]

START OF PROCESSING FROM CORRESPONDENCE POINTS *S31*

DETERMINATION OF COORDINATE OF POINT C AT INTERMEDIATE SHAPE BY USING FOLLOWING FORMULA OF INTERPOLATION WITH RESPECT TO POINT TRAINS OF TWO CURVE A, B SAMPLING POINTS
$$C = T \cdot a + (1-T) \cdot b$$
S32

DESIGNATION OF NEXT SAMPLING POINT *S33*

RETURN TO CORRESPONDENCE POINTS? *S34* NO

YES

TRANSFORMATION OF POINT TRAIN INTO BEZIER CURVE *S35*

[FIG. 13]

S41

WITH RESPECT TO REFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE
POINTS DETERMINED AT STEP S102 AND
INTERPOLATED SHAPE DETERMINED AT THE STEP
S103, START POINT AND END POINT ARE CAUSED TO
EACH OTHER.

S42

DETERMINATION OF TRANSFORM MATRIX OF AFFINE
TRANSFORMATION IN WHICH START POINT AND END
POINT OF SHAPE DETERMINED AT STEP S103 ARE
IDENTICAL TO CORRESPONDENCE POINTS
DETERMINED AT STEP S102.

S43

WITH RESPECT TO POINT TRAIN DETERMINED AT THE
STEP S103, CARRYING OUT OF AFFINE
TRANSFORMATION DETERMINED AT STEP S42.

S44

TRANSFORMATION OF POINT TRAIN DETERMINED AT
STEP S43 INTO CURVE BY USING CURVE
TRANSFORM MEANS

[FIG. 14]

SHAPE PREPARED BY INTERPOLATION 100

START

POINT TRAIN DETERMINED BY
IMAGE PURSUIT 110

SHAPE PREPARED BY INTERPOLATION AND
POINT TRAIN DETERMINED BY IMAGE PURSUIT

S41   START POINT 115

END POINT 116

CORRESPONDENCE OF REFERENCE
CORRESPONDENCE POINT

POINT A (ex1,ey1)

S42

POINT C (sx1,sy1)

POINT B (ex2,ey2)

AFFINE TRANSFORMATION
120

POINT D (sx2,sy2)

DETERMINE AFFINE TRANSFORMATION WHICH
IS DEFORMED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE WITH
RESPECT TO CORRESPONDENCE SECTION.

[FIG. 15]

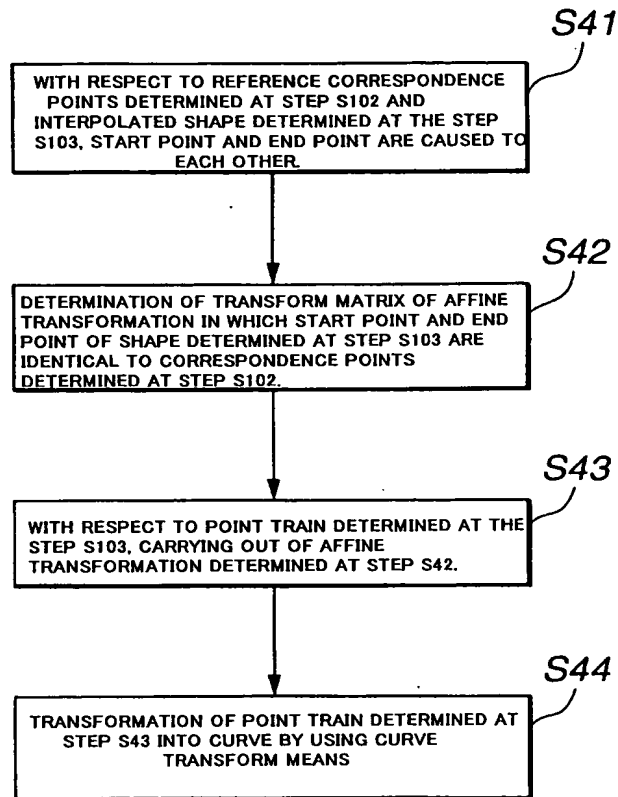S43

TRANSFORMING WITH RESPECT TO POINT TRAIN
CONSTITUTING INTERMEDIATE SHAPE AS WELL

S44

TRANSFORMING INTO BEZIER CURVE

END

RESULT OF TRANSFORMING WITH RESPECT TO
ALL SECTIONS

[FIG. 16]

USER GIVES THE SAME NUMBER OF
REFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE POINTS WITH
RESPECT TO RESPECTIVE CURVES AT THE
TIME OF START AND END.

S101

CARRYING OUT OF PURSUIT PROCESSING
OF PICTURE IMAGE AT RESPECTIVE FRAMES
WITH RESPECT TO REFERENCE
CORRESPONDENCE POINTS

S102

PASSING THROUGH REFERENCE
CORRESPONDENCE POINTS, PREPARATION
OF INTERMEDIATE SHAPE ALONG THE EDGE
OF PICTURE IMAGE

S105

[FIG. 17]

```
                                    16 ─┐
                              ┌─────────────────────┐
                              │  POINT TRAIN DATA   │
                              │   STORAGE MEANS     │
                              └─────────────────────┘
                                         │
                  151 ─┐                  ▼                        CONTROL INFORMATION
                   ┌─────────────────────────────┐ - - - - - - - - - - - - - - ┐
                   │      TWO POINT               │                            ¦
                   │   SELECTOR MEANS             │ - - - - - - - - - - - ┐     ¦
                   └─────────────────────────────┘   CONTROL INFORMATION ¦     ¦
                          POINT 1        POINT 2                          ¦     ¦
        17                    │             │                            ¦     ¦
         ┐                    │             │                            ¦     ¦
   ┌──────────────────┐       │             │                            ¦     ¦
   │  PICTURE DATA     │      │             │                            ¦     ¦
   │  STORAGE MEANS    │──┐   │             │                            ¦     ¦
   └──────────────────┘  │   │             │                            ¦     ¦
                         ▼   ▼             ▼                            ¦     ¦
              ┌──────────────────┐  PATH SEARCH  ┌──────────────┐        ¦     ¦
              │  PATH SEARCH     │  PARAMETR     │    PATH      │        ¦     ¦
              │  PROCESSING      │───────────────│   SEARCH     │ - - - -┘     ¦
              │  OPTIMIZATION    │               │   MEANS      │              ¦
              │  MEANS           │          153 ─┘└──────────────┘              ¦
              └──────────────────┘                      │                      ¦
                  152 ─┘                                ▼                      ¦
                                         ┌──────────────────────┐              ¦
                                      23─┤  PATH DATA           │              ¦
                                         │  STORAGE MEANS       │              ¦
                                         └──────────────────────┘              ¦
                                                    │                          ¦
                                                    ▼                          ¦
                                         ┌──────────────────────┐              ¦
                                         │    CURVE             │              ¦
                                         │  APPROXIMATE         │ - - - - - - -┘
                                   154 ─┤│    MEANS             │
                                         └──────────────────────┘
                                                    │
                                                    ▼
                                         ┌──────────────────────┐
                                         │   CURVE DATA         │
                                      18─┤  STORAGE MEANS       │
                                         └──────────────────────┘
```

[FIG. 18]

```
                    ┌─────────────┐
                    │    START    │
                    └─────────────┘
                           │
     ┌────────────────►    │
     │          ┌──────────────────────────────┐  ╭─ S1
     │          │ SELECTION OF SUCCESSIVE TWO   │
     │          │ POINTS FROM POINT TRAIN DATA  │
     │          └──────────────────────────────┘
     │                     │
     │          ┌──────────────────────────────┐  ╭─ S2
     │          │      OPTIMIZATION OF          │
     │          │   PATH SEARCH PARAMETER       │
     │          └──────────────────────────────┘
     │                     │
     │          ┌──────────────────────────────┐  ╭─ S3
     │          │ CALCULATION OF 8 VICINITY PATH OF CONTOUR │
     │          │          BY PASS SEARCH       │
     │          └──────────────────────────────┘
     │                     │
     │                   ╱   ╲                     ╭─ S4
     │                 ╱  PATH  ╲
     │  N            ╱ SEARCHES BETWEEN ╲
     └────────────◄  ALL RELAYING POINTS  ►
                     ╲   COMPLETED   ╱
                       ╲     ?     ╱
                         ╲   ╱
                          │ Y
               ┌──────────────────────────────┐  ╭─ S5
               │      CURVE GENERATION         │
               │    FROM 8 VICINITY PATH       │
               └──────────────────────────────┘
                          │
                    ┌─────────────┐
                    │     END     │
                    └─────────────┘
```

[FIG. 19]

POINT 1

POINT 2

PICTURE IMAGE
DATA STORAGE
MEANS

17

152

PATH SEARCH
PROCESSING
OPTIMIZATION
MEANS

153

PATH SEARCH
MEANS

OPTIMUM PARAMETER

PATH DATA

[FIG. 20]

PICTURE IMAGE
DATA STORAGE
MEANS

17

POINT 1   POINT 2

Dv

152

PASSING COST
CALCULATION
RANGE
DETERMINING
MEANS

PASSING COST
CALCULATION
OPTIMIZATION
MEANS

156

157

PASSING COST CALCULATION
PARAMETER

153

PATH SEARCH
MEANS

CALCULATION RANGE
PARAMETER

PATH DATA

[FIG. 21]

```
        ┌─────────────────┐
        │      START       │
        └─────────────────┘
                 │
                 ▼
   ┌──────────────────────────────┐  S11
   │  OPTIMIZATION OF PASSING COST │
   │     CALCULATION PARAMETER     │
   └──────────────────────────────┘
                 │
                 ▼
   ┌──────────────────────────────┐  S12
   │  OPTIMIZATION OF PASSING COST │
   │  CALCULATION RANGE PARAMETER  │
   └──────────────────────────────┘
                 │
                 ▼
        ┌─────────────────┐
        │       END        │
        └─────────────────┘
```

[FIG. 22]

PICTURE IMAGE
DATA STORAGE
MEANS   —17

POINT 1   POINT 2

GRADIENT
PARAMETER
DETERMINING
MEANS

—158

157

GRADIENT
PARAMETER

CALCULATION RANGE
PARAMETER   POINT 1   POINT 2

—159

PASSING COST
CALCULATING
MEANS

161

—25

PASSING COST
MAP STORAGE
MEANS

MIN. COST PATH
CALCULATING
MEANS

153

PATH DATA

[FIG. 23]

```
        ┌─────────────┐
        │    START    │
        └──────┬──────┘
               │
               ▼
        ┌─────────────┐   ⟋ S21
        │CALCULATION OF│
        │PASSING COST MAP│
        └──────┬──────┘
               │
               ▼
        ┌─────────────┐   ⟋ S22
        ║CALCULATION OF║
        ║ MIN.COST PATH║
        └──────┬──────┘
               │
               ▼
        ┌─────────────┐
        │     END     │
        └─────────────┘
```

[FIG. 24]

17

PICTURE IMAGE
DATA STORAGE
MEANS

POINT 1   POINT 2

158

162   *163*

NORMAL VECTOR
CALCULATING
MEANS

PIXEL VALUE
CHANGE VECTOR
CALCULATING
MEANS

PIXEL VALUE
CHANGE VECTOR

CALCULATION
RANGE PARAMETER   *159*
POINT 1

GRADIENT
CALCULATING
MEANS

NORMAL VECTOR

164   *21*

GRADIENT DATA
STORAGE MEANS

165

PASSING COST
MAP CALCULATING
MEANS

25

PASSING COST
MAP STORAGE
MEANS

[FIG. 25]

```
           START

             |
             v

   CALCULATION OF          S31
   NORMAL VECTOR

             |
             v

   CALCULATION OF          S32
   PIXEL VALUE
   CHANGE VECTOR

             |
             v

            END
```

[FIG. 26]

(A)

POINT
1

(B)

POINT 2

POINT
1

[FIG. 27]

The Live-Wire 2-D dynamic programming (DP) graph search algorithm is as follows:

Algorithm: Live-Wire 2-D DP graph search.

Input:

s	{Start(or seed) pixel.}
l(q,r)	{Local cost function for link between pixels q and r.}

Data Structures:

L	{List of active pixels sorted by total cost (initially empty).}
N(q)	{Neighborhood set of q (contains 8 neighbors of pixel).}
e(q)	{Boolean function indicating if q has been expanded/processed.}
g(q)	{Total cost function from seed point to q.}

Output:

p	{Pointers from each pixel indicating the minimum cost path.}

Algorithm:
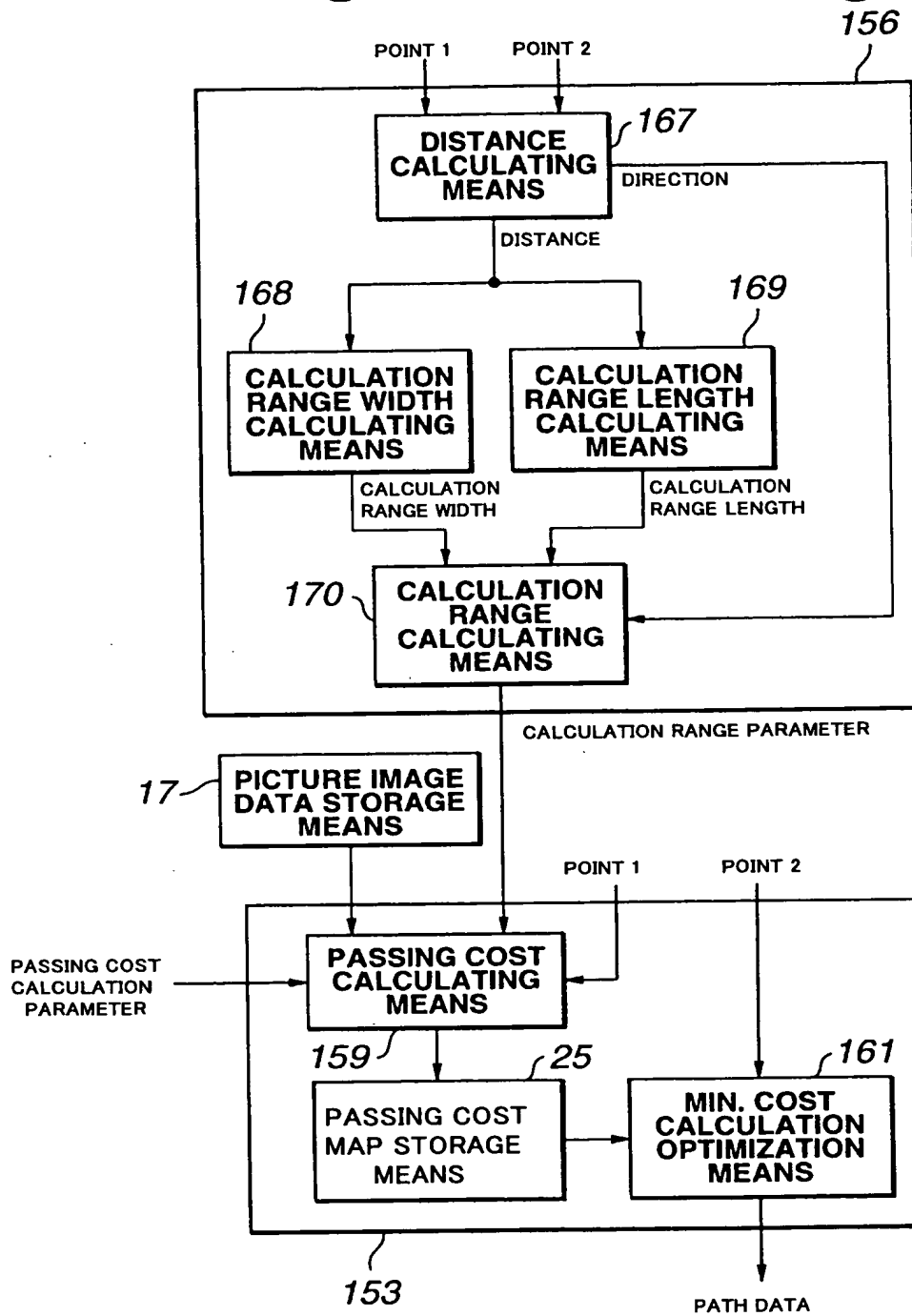
```
g(s)=0;  L=s;                          {Initialize active list with zero cost seed pixel.}
while L!=NULL do begin                 {While still points to expand:}
  q=min(L)                             {Remove minimum cost pixel q from active list.}
  e(q)=TRUE;                           {Mark q as expanded(i.e.,processed).}
  for each r∈N(q) such that not e(r) do begin
    gtmp=g(q)+l(q,r);                  {Compute total cost to neighbor.}
    if r∈L and gtmp < g(r) then        {Remove higher cost neighbor's}
      r=L;                             { from list}
    if !(r∈L) then begin               {If neighbor not on list,}
      g(r)=gtmp;                       { assign neighbor's total cost,}
      p(r)=q;                          { set (or reset) back pointer,}
      L=r;                             { and place on (or return to)}
    end                                { active list.}
  end
end
```
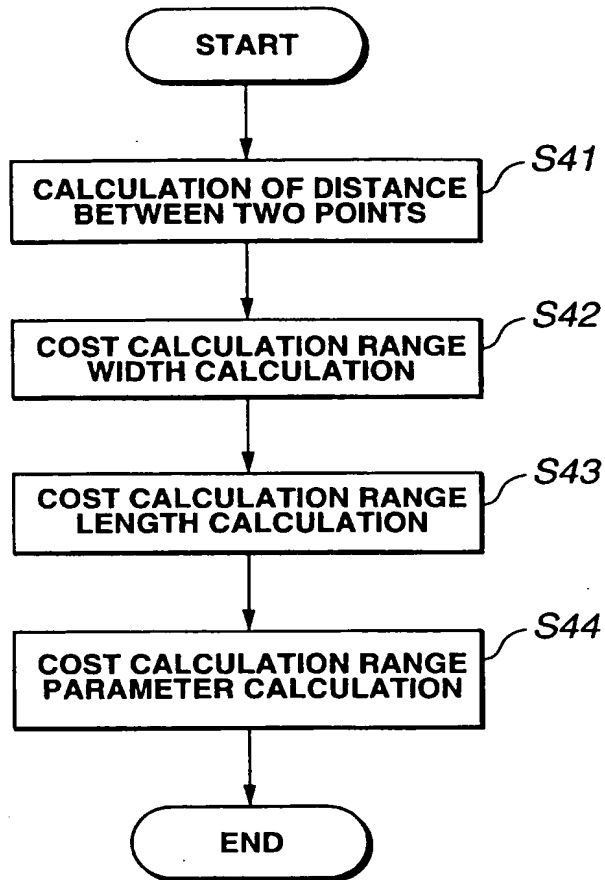
[FIG. 28]

POINT 1   POINT 2

156

DISTANCE
CALCULATING
MEANS
167

DIRECTION

DISTANCE

168

169

CALCULATION
RANGE WIDTH
CALCULATING
MEANS

CALCULATION
RANGE LENGTH
CALCULATING
MEANS

CALCULATION
RANGE WIDTH

CALCULATION
RANGE LENGTH

170

CALCULATION
RANGE
CALCULATING
MEANS

CALCULATION RANGE PARAMETER

17

PICTURE IMAGE
DATA STORAGE
MEANS

POINT 1   POINT 2

PASSING COST
CALCULATION
PARAMETER

PASSING COST
CALCULATING
MEANS

159

25

161

PASSING COST
MAP STORAGE
MEANS

MIN. COST
CALCULATION
OPTIMIZATION
MEANS

153

PATH DATA

[FIG. 29]

```
                        ╭─────────────╮
                        │    START    │
                        ╰──────┬──────╯
                               │
                               ▼
                    ┌──────────────────────┐    ⟋ S41
                    │ CALCULATION OF DISTANCE│
                    │   BETWEEN TWO POINTS   │
                    └──────────┬───────────┘
                               │
                               ▼
                    ┌──────────────────────┐    ⟋ S42
                    │ COST CALCULATION RANGE │
                    │   WIDTH CALCULATION    │
                    └──────────┬───────────┘
                               │
                               ▼
                    ┌──────────────────────┐    ⟋ S43
                    │ COST CALCULATION RANGE │
                    │   LENGTH CALCULATION   │
                    └──────────┬───────────┘
                               │
                               ▼
                    ┌──────────────────────┐    ⟋ S44
                    │ COST CALCULATION RANGE │
                    │ PARAMETER CALCULATION  │
                    └──────────┬───────────┘
                               │
                               ▼
                        ╭─────────────╮
                        │     END     │
                        ╰─────────────╯
```

[FIG. 30]

CURVE

17

171

PICTURE IMAGE
DATA STORAGE
MEANS

INITIAL POINT TRAIN
GENERATING MEANS

DIFFERENCE
DETECTING
MEANS
~*173*

DIFFERENCE

POINT TRAIN
DATA STORAGE
MEANS
~*16*

POINT TRAIN
EDITING MEANS
~*14*

CURVE
RE-CONSTRUCTING
MEANS
~*172*

RE-CONSTRUCTED
CURVE DATA
STORAGE MEANS
~*19*

[FIG. 31]

```
                    ┌─────────────┐
                    │    START    │
                    └─────────────┘
                           │
                           ▼
              ┌──────────────────────────┐        S51
              ║  GENERATION OF INITIAL   ║
              ║  POINT TRAIN FROM CURVE  ║
              └──────────────────────────┘
                           │
        ┌─────────────────▶│
        │                  ▼
        │     ┌──────────────────────────┐        S52
        │     ║   RE-CONSTRUCTION OF     ║
        │     ║  CURVE FROM POINT TRAIN  ║
        │     └──────────────────────────┘
        │                  │
        │                  ▼
        │     ┌──────────────────────────┐        S53
        │     │  CALCULATION OF DIFFERENCE│
        │     │  BETWEEN INPUT CURVE AND  │
        │     │   RE-CONSTRUCTED CURVE    │
        │     └──────────────────────────┘
        │                  │
        │                  ▼
        │                  ╱╲            S54
        │                ╱    ╲
        │              ╱ DIFFERENCE ╲
        │            ╱  BETWEEN INPUT ╲      N
        │           ╱  CURVE AND RE-   ╲─────────┐
        │           ╲  CONSTRUCTED     ╱         │
        │            ╲ CURVE THRESHOLD╱          │
        │             ╲   VALUE     ╱            │
        │               ╲    ?    ╱              │
        │                 ╲    ╱                 │
        │                   ╲╱                   │
        │                   │ Y                  │
        │                   ▼          S55       │
        │     ┌──────────────────────────┐       │
        │     │    EDITING OF POINT TRAIN │       │
        │     │ IN DIRECTION WHERE DIFFERENCE│    │
        │     │  BECOMES EQUAL TO ZERO    │       │
        │     └──────────────────────────┘       │
        │                   │                    │
        └───────────────────┘                    ▼
                                          ┌─────────────┐
                                          │     END     │
                                          └─────────────┘
```

[FIG. 32]

● REPRESENTATIVE POINT 1   ● REPRESENTATIVE POINT 2

OPTIMUM COLOR PROJECTION AXIS
CALCULATING SECTION

PICTURE IMAGE

| REPRESENTATIVE POINT VICINITY OPTIMUM COLOR PROJECTION AXIS CALCULATING SECTION | REPRESENTATIVE POINT VICINITY OPTIMUM COLOR PROJECTION AXIS CALCULATING SECTION |

COLOR PROJECTION AXIS 1   COLOR PROJECTION AXIS 2

41   *41*

COLOR PROJECTION AXIS SYNTHESIS SECTION   *42*

COLOR PROJECTION AXIS

32

[FIG. 33]

B

WHITE

BLACK   A

YELLOW

RED

B

GREEN

P

A   BLUE

[FIG. 34]

EDGE OF PICTURE IMAGE

s00 r0
s01   h

r1

r2

ANCHOR
POINT p0

ADJACENT
ANCHOR POINT P1

(B)

EDGE OF PICTURE IMAGE

ANCHOR POINT
p0

H

H

H

L/4 L/4 L/4 L/4

L

ADJACENT
ANCHOR POINT p1

(A)

[FIG. 35]
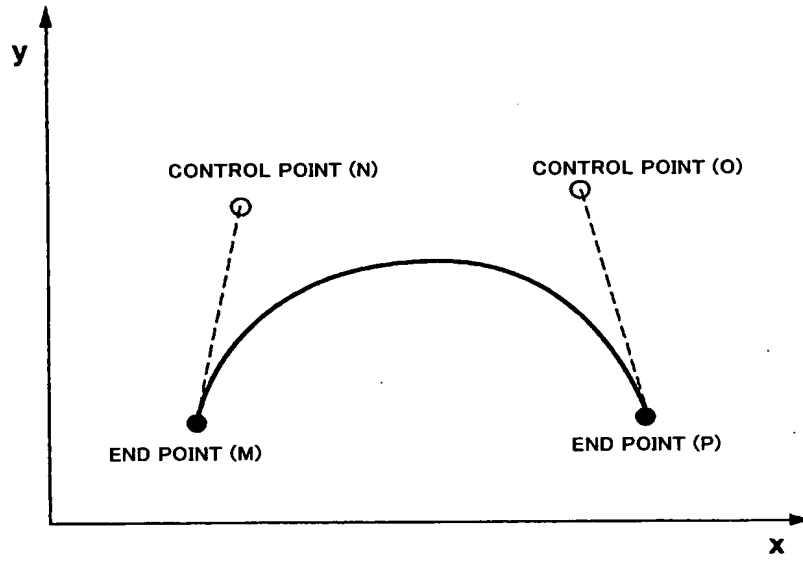

CURVE 0

GENERATING INTERMEDIATE SHAPE

CURVE 1

[FIG. 36]

CONTROL POINT (N)

CONTROL POINT (O)

END POINT (M)

END POINT (P)

y

x

[FIG. 37]

CONTROL POINT

END POINT